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Metro Announces Art and Naming Contest for Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project's Tunnel Boring Machine

Time To Welcome the Tunnel Boring Machine

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project

The [Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project](#) is an 8.5-mile light-rail line currently under construction, with eight new stations including Crenshaw/Exposition, Crenshaw/Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Crenshaw/Vernon, Crenshaw/Slauson, Florence/West, Florence/La Brea, Florence/Hindry and Aviation/Century. The rail line will run between the Expo Line on Exposition Blvd and the Metro Green Line.

What is a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)?

A TBM is like a giant drill. The TBM will slowly drill through the earth, digging the tunnels needed for the trains to travel underground. The tunnels will connect three stations from Expo/Crenshaw to Vernon/Crenshaw.

Why do we name the TBM?

Traditionally, a TBM cannot start work until it is given a name. The TBM is generally named after a woman as a sign of good luck for the project ahead. History shows that workers looked to Saint Barbara for protection; she is the patron saint for military engineers, miners and others who work underground.

[Click here for more information](#)

Art Contest: Pre-K through 5th Grade Students

Submit your art for a chance to make history! Enter to win cool prizes and the opportunity to have your art displayed on the [#CrenshawTBM](#).

Create an artwork that shows what your ideal community looks like, be sure to include the new Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. You will be entered to win cool prizes. The winning artwork will be displayed on the [#CrenshawTBM](#).

The artwork you submit can be a painting, a drawing, a printed photo of a 3-D sculpture or diorama, or a collage.

[Click here to submit your entry or for more information.](#)

Naming Contest: Middle School and High School Students

Name the TBM for a chance to make history! Enter to win cool prizes and the opportunity to have the name you've chosen displayed on the [#CrenshawTBM](#).

Submit an essay of 200 words or less or a 2-minute (or less) video about your chosen name for the TBM. Tell us about the significance of the name you have chosen and how it relates to your community, transportation or engineering. Have fun and be creative, clever and witty! Names can be real or fictional. All entries must be a female name or character.

[Click here to submit your entry or for more information.](#)

More Information

Submit your entry by 5pm September 1, 2015.

Visit metro.net/crenshaw for additional contest rules and prize information.

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